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AMENDMENT-INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2005, having a three month shortened statutory period for reply, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record. Also, enclosed herewith is a petition for a one (1) month extension of the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner and authorization to charge the required fee to the indicated deposit account.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.